

STATE OF MAINE
JUDICIAL BRANCH



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

DISTRICT COURT – TERM LAW CLERK – 2018-2019

The State of Maine Judicial Branch is accepting applications for legal clerkship positions with the Maine District Court for the 2018-2019 term, which runs from August 20, 2018, through August 16, 2019. Six positions are expected to be available. Law clerks are based in Portland, Lewiston, Bangor, Augusta, Rockland, and Springvale.

The thirty-eight judges of the District Court have statewide jurisdiction to adjudicate criminal, civil, and family matters. Eight family law magistrates assist in the processing of family matter proceedings involving children. The District Court Law Clerks receive assignments from all District Court judges and magistrates. Duties include, but are not limited to, assisting judges and magistrates with legal research regarding the various areas of the court's jurisdiction, preparing memoranda and draft opinions, and monitoring trials and other proceedings in the District Court. The Chief Judge also assigns the District Court Law Clerks to assist in administrative projects.

Qualified candidates include law school graduates and individuals expecting to obtain a law degree in the spring of 2018. Selection criteria will include excellent analytical skills, excellent communication skills, class standing, Law Review, Moot Court, other significant research or writing experience, faculty and/or employer recommendations, and strong work ethic. Term Law Clerks are not required to have taken the Maine bar examination. Travel is required. Law Clerks may not engage in other employment.

Salary: \$51,854.40 plus fringe benefits.

How to Apply: The application consists of the following documents:

- **Cover letter:** (you must identify the location or locations—Portland, Lewiston, Bangor, Augusta, Rockland, and Springvale—at which you are willing to accept a clerkship assignment in your cover letter).
- **Résumé**
- **School-issued law school transcript** (official or unofficial, but not self-prepared)
- **Writing sample:** (double spaced, ten-page maximum, unedited by others)
- **Two letters of recommendation:** The letters of recommendation do not need to be addressed to a judge, and may be emailed separately from the other application materials.

The above materials must be submitted in .pdf format to Karen Morin at the following email address: Karen.G.Morin@courts.maine.gov. Applications must be received by August 4, 2017, at 4 p.m.

Successful candidates will be required to submit to criminal, motor vehicle, and other records checks.

Interviews will be held in Augusta, Maine, in September 2017. Applicants selected for an interview may be required to submit an additional writing sample responding to a prompt supplied by the Chief Judge of the District Court.

Applicants are also encouraged to complete the **Applicant Information Survey** that may be found at <http://www.courts.maine.gov/jobs/clerkships.html> and return it to the following email address: HR.Team@courts.maine.gov.

Inquiries may be directed to Karen Morin at Karen.G.Morin@courts.maine.gov or 207-213-2971.

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